

*Gathering Table*  
*a Faith Community*  
*in the Anglican Church of Canada*



**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

'Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !

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**Officiant and Preacher:** Rev. Ann Camber  
**Honorary Assistant:** Rev. Gail Clifton  
**Lay Reader:** Rose Jardine  
**Music:** Donna and Ted Hamill and GT Singers & Djembe  
**Eucharistic Assistants:**  
Kim Bienvenue, Richard Pepper  
**Lectors:** Marilyn and Al Chisholm  
**Greeters:** Elaine McKinnon, Mary Ripley  
**Altar Guild:** Sarah Pyne

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

10:00 a.m.

**WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE**

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Welcome to all our visitors and newcomers. We're glad you're here! We invite you to sign our Visitors Book at the back of the church.

*For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of life and spirituality. We are gathered as treaty people on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg of the Fort William First Nation and acknowledge this people's stewardship of this land through the ages.*

## **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life.  
*See Philippians 2.15, 16*

Opening Music: **CP 177**  
**A Spendthrift Lover Is The Lord**

**Gathering of the Community** *BAS page 185*  
*All stand. The presiding celebrant greets the community*

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God, and the fellowship of the  
Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Almighty God,  
**to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the  
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your  
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and  
worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ  
our Lord. Amen.**

### **Collect Of The Day**

Celebrant: Almighty and everliving God, increase in us  
your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and  
reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your  
commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen

## **Children's Time – Rev Ann Camber**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

#### **The First Reading from the Book of Exodus**

##### **Exodus 33: 12 – 23**

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.' Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have

passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 99**

***REFRAIN The Lord our God is the Holy one.***

The Lord is king; let the people tremble; he is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome; he is the Holy One.

***REFRAIN The Lord our God is the Holy one.***

"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down

***REFRAIN The Lord our God is the Holy one.***

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name, they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

***REFRAIN The Lord our God is the Holy one.***

"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

**Psalm Prayer:** *BAS page 837*  
**Lord our God, ruler of the universe, you love what is right. Lead us in your righteousness, that we may live to praise you, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. All: Amen.**

**Second Reading is from The First Letter of Paul to The Thessalonians**

**1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 10**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became

imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Gradual:      **O God Of Earth And Altar**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew

**ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**  
This is The Gospel of Christ  
**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Matthew 22: 15 – 22**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to

pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Sermon:

**Rev. Ann Camber**

***Time of Silent Reflection***

**The Apostles Creed**

*BAS page 189*

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism,  
as we say,

**All: I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**



**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

### **Prayers of the People Litany 6**

*Lay Reader*

*As we come into God's presence, let us pray to the Lord,  
saying: 'Lord, have mercy'.*

Heavenly Father, we ask again, that you give us the loving wisdom we need to draw your Church together into one great company of disciples. Build in us the desire to be imitators of Christ. We ask your blessing on those who will lead us in this path, especially Archbishop Anne, and her family; Rev Ann and her family; Rev Gail and her family.

For the whole people of God, that each one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ and like Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, we desire your blessing on those who work out the mission of Gathering Table, those who introduce people to Jesus, those who share your love by their words and

actions, and the 'Silent Saints' who pray at all times for these front line workers. Holy Spirit, move in the hearts of everyone. Be their strength, their inspiration and their shield.

For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of children you have given to this body. We delight in the giggles and the cries. We delight in the questions and give thanks for those who are skilled to answer them. We thank you for the precious trust you have placed in our hands and in our hearts. Help us, Lord, to be the friends and role models our children need to understand the Love that Jesus has for them.

For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We lift before God the names of those we know are sick, suffering or bereaved. Please add the names of those who are on YOUR heart, as I read this list:

Rev. Gail Clifton, Ted Moyle, Rose Jardine, Diane Hartley, Sara Clay

For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them,

let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

We pray, Lord, for families of the Indigenous Children who did not return safely from Residential Schools. We pray for families and friends of the missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. Grant them your comfort and hope. Bless every person who steps up to protect a child in danger.

For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to the true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

We are grieved by the wars, insurrections and oppression experienced in so many lands today. Lord, help us to pray steadfastly, without ceasing, for your will to be accomplished.

We ask that your divine will become and remain clearly seen and experienced in the Holy Land for the sake of all your people.

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**AMEN.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant:* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in

love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

Celebrant: Most merciful God,  
**All we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, and confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

## **The Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you**

Offertory: **Afflicted Saint To Those Draw Near**

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

Celebrant: Eternal God, your word inspires our faith.  
May we who offer you our praise trust you in all things.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**All: Amen**

### **Receiving Holy Communion**

This is the table of Christ made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, whether you have much faith or little, have tried to follow or afraid you have failed. Come because it is Christ's will that those who want to meet him, might meet him here. Our tradition says that to receive any part of the Eucharist is to receive the full grace of the Sacrament.

### **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer 5**

*BAS Page 204*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: You created us to love you with all our heart,

and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing (say),

**Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are  
full of Your glory  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna in the highest**

***Blessed is He who comes  
in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna in the highest***

*Patrick Schlabs*

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead

you show us the power of your love  
to bring new life to all your people.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: On the night before he gave up his life for us,  
Jesus, at supper with his friends,  
took bread, gave thanks to you,  
broke it, and gave it to them,  
saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it:  
this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,  
said the blessing, gave it to his friends,  
and said, "Drink this, all of you:  
this is the cup of my blood,  
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many,  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me."

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Gracious God,  
with this bread and wine  
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,  
and we offer ourselves to you in him.  
Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,  
that we may know the presence of Jesus  
in the breaking of bread,  
and share in the life  
of the family of your children.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Father, you call us to be your servants;  
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,  
that all the world may gather in joy  
at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father,  
through Jesus, our Lord,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*BAS page 211*

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold  
to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread #3**

*BAS Page 212*

*Celebrant:* Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of  
wheat, whose many grains we have gathered  
and made into this one bread.

**All: So may your Church be gathered**



**from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Agnus Dei**

Lamb of God you take away  
the sin of the world  
have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away  
the sin of the world  
have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away  
the sin of the world  
grant - us peace

Communion Music:

**CP 610 Before I Take The Body Of My Lord  
Dear Refuge Of My Weary Soul  
(The God Of Abraham Praise)**

**Prayer After Communion**

*Celebrant:* God of peace, you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. *All: Amen.*

**Doxology**

*BAS Page 214*

*Celebrant:* Glory to God,

*All:* **whose power, working in us,**

**can do infinitely more  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Blessing:**

Keep in mind our giving and forgiving God, He created the good earth and blessed it. He gives us glad and generous hearts, that we may rejoice and give thanks for the abundance of His creation, the depths of His mercy, and His care for all and the blessing of God Almighty the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Announcements:

Closing Music: **Jesus is a Rock In A Weary Land**

**Dismissal:**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Alleluia !**

Please note that there is a 'treasure chest' at the back of the church where offerings can be left when leaving the church.

**Readings for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

Deuteronomy 34: 1 - 12

Psalm 90: 1 – 6, 13 - 17

1 Thessalonians 2 – 1 - 8

Matthew 22: 34 – 46

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:**

*20th Sunday after Trinity*  
**The Anglican Church of Korea**

**Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :**

**Please Pray for:**

**ACC**           The Rt. Rev. John Stephens, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of New Westminster

**ELCIC/ACC**     An end to gender-based violence and human trafficking.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:**

St. George's Anglican Church and The Rev. Deb Everest

**Our Parish Cycle of Prayer**

**Please pray for our own church members**

Shirley Siipola, Mark Smith, Jay Smith, Laura-Lee Smith, Sharon Sparkes, Tom and Colleen Speer, Jon Stephens, James Stewart and Cassandra Dumontier, Eric and Ann Strand, Evelyn Strawson, Charles Suganaqueb, Jim Sutton and Frances Bennett-Sutton, Ellen Teahan, Violet Thomson, Bob and Marjorie Tutkaluk, Duncan Twance, Terry Wade, Dan and Val Walter, Jim Whalley, Carl and Roberta Wolfe, Michael Wolfe and Heidi Dreher-Wolfe, Makayla and Riley, Anne Zale

**Please Pray For:** Our young people who are just starting, or going back to Junior High School, High School, College and University who are struggling academically, social and mentally, as well as with understanding their own identities.

A grace note from [www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com](http://www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com)  
God has given us the power to have an impact  
on lives through our words.

### **We Welcome Your Prayer Requests:**

If you have any needs or concerns that you would like placed on the Gathering Table prayer chain, please email the request to [prayerchain@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:prayerchain@gatheringtable.ca). If you do not have access to email, please call the office or Sheila Chisholm at 787-0465 and we will get it sent out for you.

### **Reminder about Visitations:**

Rev. Ann is continuing her Pastoral care visits. If you would like a visit, please call 807-285-9446 or email her at: [rector@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:rector@gatheringtable.ca)



Please contact the Altar Guild if you or your family would like to place flowers on the altar on a Sunday.



### **2023 Envelopes** are now available at the back

A note about offerings: all information is on the shelves at the back of the Church. If you used the numbered offering envelopes in 2022 you will find a personalized box of 2023 envelopes for your use. If you wish to use weekly offering envelopes you may take an unassigned box and add your name to the list beside the box number. If you would like to contribute using the Electronic Offering Program\*, which we recommend, these forms are also available at the

back of the Church fill in the information and turn it into the office. If you are already using EOP you may amend your offerings using the same form. E-transfers can also be made to Gathering Table by using: [office@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:office@gatheringtable.ca) and use “church” as your security answer. If you require any assistance, please consult a Warden. The EOP is administered by the Diocese and is a pre-authorized payment plan offering a steady flow of funds to Gathering Table. It takes the worry about “catching up” if you are away or cannot attend for any reason.

**Our Daily Bread** is available at the back of the church  
Pick up a copy today of the Sept. Oct. Nov. Issue

### **EVENTS AT GATHERING TABLE**

Each September groups wishing to book the use of the hall, kitchen has to fill in the “Booking Request Form” each year for your groups’ activities. Please contact the office to request the form. [office@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:office@gatheringtable.ca)  
Or call 807-345-6898

### **Calendar of Events**

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| Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Food Cupboard   |
| Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup> | PAC Meeting 7 p.m. Zoom   |
| Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup> | Thunder Bay ACW Fall Deanery Meeting<br>St. Michael’s at 11:30 a.m. with Communion<br>followed by lunch and a short meeting |
| Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup> | Rector’s Book Study via Zoom Cancelled  |
| Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup> | Last day for “Christmas Bags” for Seafarers   |

**Sunday Sermons:** Sunday service can be viewed on the

Gathering Table website <http://gatheringtable.ca> and on the Gathering Table Facebook page. The whole service will be live streamed at 10 a.m. Sunday at the link <http://gatheringtable.ca> **Please Note** You may be visible on the online stream

**2023 Parishioner Parking Passes** are available at the office Tues. – Thurs. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Friday 8 a.m. – 12 noon or on Sun. before church.

**Thunder Bay - North Shore  
Anglican Church Women Fall Deanery**

Will be held on Wednesday, October 25 at St. Michael and All Angels. We begin at 11: 30 am with Eucharist celebrated by Reverend Elizabeth Sipos followed by lunch and a meeting. All are welcome. Janet Pike

**Christmas Bags:** Preparations are now underway for the Christmas Bags which are distributed to the Seafarers. A box for donations will be at the back of church. As before items such as razors, toothbrushes, tooth paste, candies , coca packets etc. are always welcome. We have already received some toques and some neck warmers but more is always appreciated and needed so please if you are a knitter use your talents to help fill the Christmas bags. The donations need to be at the Seafarer's Centre by Monday, November 20 so if you plan to bring items to the church please have them in the box by **Sunday, November 19.** Volunteers to help packing the bags are always welcome. If you have questions about either item please ask Marg Boone (rep.) 807-345-2184 or [mboone@tbaytel.net](mailto:mboone@tbaytel.net)

## Church Calendars Available Soon

Please let the office know, if you would like a 2024 Church Calendar, 807-346-6898 or [office@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:office@gatheringtable.ca)



All donations Help  
See Sharon Sparkes for what is needed.





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Deputy People's Warden: Sheila Chisholm

Music Director: Pianist Donna Hamill

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**Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2023**

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4: 18 - 19*